

EARTH HOUR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Fund, is a global initiative that encourages individuals, businesses and governments around the world to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour on Saturday, March 28th, 2020 between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Earth Hour is to demonstrate that individual action on a mass scale can help positively impact our planet; and

WHEREAS, nature is in crisis like never before. The rate of global loss of nature during the past 50 years is unprecedented in human history. And yet, intact natural systems are imperative to all our futures. Nature not only benefits us by providing our food, water and clean air, it is also a key ally against climate change.

WHEREAS, led by the World Wildlife Fund, hundreds of millions of people across 187 countries celebrated Earth Hour in 2019, with lights going out in some of the world's most famous man-made marvels and natural wonders. Sydney's Opera House, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, the Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, and many more global icons stood in darkness as a powerful symbol of landmark environmental action; and

WHEREAS, City of Lafayette government will strive to turn off all non-essential lighting during Earth Hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim the hour between 8:30 pm and 9:30 pm on the 28th day of March, 2020, to be **Earth Hour**. I encourage all City of Lafayette residents to make a global statement of concern about climate change and to demonstrate commitment to finding solutions by turning off all non-essential lights during this time period.

**Tony Roswarski, Mayor
City of Lafayette**